

Tyto alba* (Barn Owl)*Priority 3 Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN)****Class:** Aves (Birds)**Order:** Strigiformes (Owls)**Family:** Tytonidae (Barn Owls)**General comments:**

Regional concerns. Breeding season residency in 2006.

Species Conservation Range Maps for Barn Owl:Town Map: [Tyto alba_Towns.pdf](#)Subwatershed Map: [Tyto alba_HUC12.pdf](#)**SGCN Priority Ranking - Designation Criteria:****Risk of Extirpation:** NA**State Special Concern or NMFS Species of Concern:***Tyto alba* is listed as a species of Special Concern in Maine.**Recent Significant Declines:** NA**Regional Endemic:** NA**High Regional Conservation Priority:** NA**High Climate Change Vulnerability:** NA**Understudied rare taxa:** NA**Historical:** NA**Culturally Significant:** NA**Habitats Assigned to Barn Owl:****Formation Name Agricultural****Macrogroup Name Agricultural****Habitat System Name:** Cultivated Crops**Habitat System Name:** Pasture-Hay**Formation Name Coastal Scrub-Herb****Macrogroup Name Coastal Grassland & Shrubland****Habitat System Name:** Northern Atlantic Coastal Plain Dune and Maritime Grassland**Habitat System Name:** Northern Atlantic Coastal Plain Sandy Beach**Formation Name Developed****Macrogroup Name Urban-Suburban Built****Habitat System Name:** Residential - Low Intensity**Habitat System Name:** Residential - Rural-Sparse**Formation Name Freshwater Marsh****Macrogroup Name Coastal Plain Pond****Habitat System Name:** Northern Atlantic Coastal Plain Pond**Formation Name Grassland & Shrubland****Macrogroup Name Ruderal Shrubland & Grassland****Habitat System Name:** Ruderal Upland - Old Field**Stressors Assigned to Barn Owl:**

No Stressors Currently Assigned to Barn Owl or other Priority 3 SGCN.

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Conservation Actions Associated with the Grassland Guild:

| Conservation Action | Category: Public Outreach | Biological Priority: high | Type: new |
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| Develop a program to inform small landowners of the best methods for keeping fields open for grassland wildlife | | | |
| Stressor(s) Addressed By This Conservation Action | | | |
| Livestock Farming and Ranching | | | |
| Conservation Action | Category: Species Management | Biological Priority: high | Type: new |
| Develop a BMP guide for farmers to minimize negative effects of cutting hay/silage during the grassland bird nesting season. NRCS recommendations should be viewed as a start with increased emphasis on timing, field size, and bird behavioral cues. | | | |
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Broad Taxonomic Group Conservation Actions:

Additional relevant conservation actions for this species are assigned within broader taxonomic groups in Maine's 2015 Wildlife Action Plan: Element 4, Table 4-1.

Habitat Based Conservation Actions:

Additional conservation actions that may benefit habitat(s) associated with this species can be found in Maine's 2015 Wildlife Action Plan: Element 4, Table 4-15. Click on the Habitat Grouping of interest to launch a habitat based report summarizing relevant conservation actions and associated SGCN.

The Wildlife Action Plan was developed through a lengthy participatory process with state agencies, targeted conservation partners, and the general public. The Plan is non-regulatory. The species, stressors, and voluntary conservation actions identified in the Plan complement, but do not replace, existing work programs and priorities by state agencies and partners.